

September 2011

# The Extinguisher

"Putting out the news"

Ashley McDonald, Editor in Chief



## Birthdays

Ashley McDonald 9/13

David Bricker 9/16

Ricky Jones 9/17

Troy Thomas 9/18

Roger Toombs 9/18

Daryl Alexander 9/20

Tim Corder 9/21

Kenny McFarland 9/23

Bobby Canterbury 9/24

Jeff Wright 9/28

## City Holiday

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Administration Office will be CLOSED in observance of



On Monday, September 5, 2011

If you need immediate assistance, call Headquarters at 615-849-2661.

## MFRD TO PRESENT SERVICE AWARDS TO EMPLOYEES

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department will be honoring employees with 35-years, 30-years, 25-years, and 20-years of service in a ceremony at Patterson Park Community Center at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. Light refreshments will be served and families are welcome. **Employees shall RSVP to either Raleigh Marlin, Adam Petrig, or Shan Womack by Friday, September 2, 2011.** All employees in attendance are required to wear their uniforms.



## MEET MFRD'S NEW ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF



Captain/Shift Inspector Kaye Jernigan was recently promoted to Assistant Fire Chief, replacing Assistant Chief Gary Farley following his March 2011 retirement. Her first day on the job was August 29. Jernigan was selected from among 11 qualified applicants after a rigorous multi-part competitive process. She is now the highest ranking woman in department history.

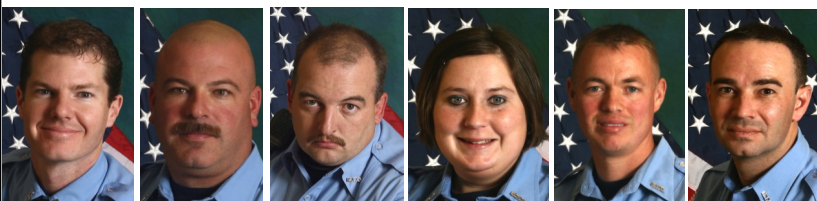
Jernigan began her career with the department as a Firefighter in November 1988. She has been a Captain/Shift Inspector since 1996. She holds an Associate's Degree from Volunteer State Community College in Fire Science and a Bachelor's Degree from Middle Tennessee State University in Liberal Studies with a minor in Public Administration. She is state certified as Officer I and II, Instructor, Safety Officer, Safety Compliance Officer, and is a certified EMT-IV. She has also served on several departmental committees and has participated in public fire education programs.

Her responsibilities will be fire suppression and rescue operations of the department. She will oversee 10 fire stations, 170 shift personnel, and multiple apparatus.

Jernigan is looking forward to working with Fire Administration and is thankful for the opportunity.

## FF OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011

Captain Jamie Bigelow, Captain Jeff Irvin, Firefighter Greg Burt, Firefighter Shan Womack, Driver Adam Petrig, and Driver Raleigh Marlin have been named Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's Firefighter (s) of the Month for September and October 2011. Bigelow received this honor for researching and compiling the department's history for a special presentation for City Council. Irvin and Burt received this honor for their assistance with the department's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony to be held September 9, 2011.



Womack, Petrig, and Marlin received this honor for serving on the committee for MFRD's Service Awards.

**Congratulations!**

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### September 3rd

YMCA of Murfreesboro 9/11 Memorial Service 7:30 am (MFRD Honor Guard will present colors)

### September 9th

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony (MFRD, MPD, and other Ruth Co. emergency agencies) Rutherford County Courthouse 10:00 am Master of Ceremonies Bart Walker (WGNS); Guest Speaker John Hood, former State Representative; MFRD & MPD Honor Guards to present colors) "Taps" & "Amazing Grace" played

### September 10th

TFACA "Everybody Goes Home" Weekend Includes: Dedication of bronze statue at Tennessee Fallen Firefighter Memorial, honoring Tennessee firefighters who lost their lives last year in the line of duty, and honoring the 343 firefighters killed in the line of duty in New York City on September 11, 2001. (MFRD Honor Guard will present colors)

### September 11th

MFRD Honor Guard Bell Ringing Ceremony 8:00 am Headquarters (202 E. Vine Street)

Rutherford County Sheriff's Office 9th Annual 9/11 Community Fair (1-5:00 pm) Includes: Unveiling the progress on the 9-11 Monument (a 3,000 pound artifact from Tower 1 of the World Trade Center is the centerpiece). There will also be displays of emergency vehicles (fire engines, sheriff's cruisers, ambulances). There will be inflatables, a petting zoo, food and drinks, and vendors as well as live music performances. (MFRD Honor Guard will present colors)

### September 13th

MFRD Service Awards Ceremony 6:00 pm Patterson Park Community Center

### September 20th

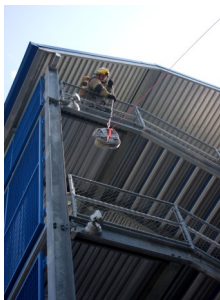
First Tuesday night of the Citizens Fire Academy Session 10

### September 24th

8th Annual Tennessee Ultimate Fire Fighting Challenge (TFACA 2161 Unionville-Deason Rd., Bell Buckle, TN)

## MFRD TO COMPETE IN 8TH ANNUAL TUFF CHALLENGE

BY: CAPTAIN/SHIFT INSPECTOR BRIAN LOWE



All off duty personnel are invited to attend the 8th Annual Tennessee Ultimate Fire Fighting Challenge to be held at TFACA on September 24, 2011. The event starts promptly at 8:30 am and usually lasts through lunch. Coolers are allowed if you would like to pack a picnic lunch or food can be purchased at the food station. MFRD will be sponsoring two individual efforts and three relay teams. Individual contestants are FF Josh Parsons and Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe. Captain/Shift Training Officer Bob Decker is Team Coach/Organizer. The relay teams are as follows: Pro Team 1- Shift Commander Daryl Alexander, FF Britt Gammon, FF Josh Parsons, and FF Ray Robinson. Pro Team 2- FF Jonathan Parsons, Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith, FF Andy Smithson, and FF Matt Young. Paid Division Team- FF Joel Patnode, Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe, FF Jonathan Proby, and Driver Chris Mikolon. Please make plans to attend and support the department as we compete with other departments from across the state. Bring the family, admission is free, and there is plenty of parking! All proceeds benefit the Tennessee Fallen Firefighter Memorial located on site at TFACA.



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## September Anniversaries

### 35 YEARS

Ronald Jones

### 34 YEARS

Dale Maynard

### 29 YEARS

Randy Jones

### 27 YEARS

Robert Alsup

### 25 YEARS

Lionel Holladay

### 17 YEARS

Kurt McMahan  
Tracy Summar

### 15 YEARS

Craig McBride

### 7 YEARS

Steve Ellison  
Chase Martin  
Jonathan Proby

### 5 YEARS

David Frost  
Nell Spradling  
Craig Underwood  
Matt Young

### 4 YEARS

Taylor Lasseter  
Jeremy Spivey

### 3 YEARS

John Flynt  
Josh Warren

